

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] To help prevent blockages at the rear of the door structure 60 adjacent the suction opening in high yield, damp or sticky conditions, a sweep of air indicated generally at 100 is provided over the floor 62 near the outlet end of the door structure. The lower end of the member 84 includes a rearwardly directed outlet 104. The upper end of the member 84 is connected to the source of assisting air 90. A deflector plate ~~408~~ 106 may be connected to the member 84 directly above the outlet 104 to help direct the air more effectively over the floor towards the opening 68. Cotton removed by the forward drum structure 42 is doffed outwardly and rearwardly by the doffer 52. The curtain of air directed over the floor 62 by the outlet 92 helps maintain the momentum of the forward drum cotton. Additional cotton removed by the aft drum structure 44 is doffed outwardly and rearwardly by the doffer 54 and joins the cotton from the forward drum. The additional sweep of air 100 provided by the outlet 104 helps preserve the kinetic energy of the cotton from both the drum structures so that plugging adjacent the suction opening 68 is reduced or eliminated.